

Listing of the Claims

The following listing of the claims replaces all prior versions of the claims.

1. (currently amended) A backrest and deck subassembly for a sofa, comprising:
 - a frame having a generally horizontal deck section, the deck section including a top portion and an underlying bottom portion, the frame also having a generally upright backrest section attached to and extending upwardly from the deck section; and
 - an integrated upholstery piece that covers the deck and backrest sections of the frame and underlies the bottom portion of the deck section;
 - wherein the upholstery piece includes a front panel portion and a dust cover portion, and wherein the dust cover portion underlies the deck section and is formed of a different material than the front panel portion.
2. (original) The backrest and deck subassembly defined in Claim 1, wherein the upholstery piece includes a zipper.
3. (original) The backrest and deck subassembly defined in Claim 2, wherein the zipper is positioned along a side panel.
4. (canceled).
5. (currently amended) The backrest and deck subassembly defined in Claim [[4]] 1, wherein the upholstery piece includes a backrest/deck portion that is formed of leather.
6. (original) The backrest and deck subassembly defined in Claim 1, wherein the upholstery piece is attached to the frame without staples.

7. (currently amended) The backrest and deck subassembly defined in Claim [[1]] 2, wherein the upholstery piece includes lateral panels that overlie lateral surfaces of the frame, and wherein the lateral panels include windows that permit access to recesses in the lateral surfaces.

8. (currently amended) The backrest and deck subassembly defined in Claim 1, wherein the upholstery piece further includes a deck fabric sheet panel.

9. (currently amended) The backrest and deck subassembly defined in Claim 8, wherein the deck fabric sheet panel includes laterally-extending pockets configured to receive elongate slats.

10. (original) The backrest and deck subassembly defined in Claim 9, wherein the deck top section includes laterally-extending slots, and wherein the elongate slats are received in the slots.

11. (currently amended) A backrest and deck subassembly for a sofa, comprising: a frame having a generally horizontal deck section, the deck section including a top portion, the frame also having a generally upright backrest section attached to and extending upwardly from the deck section, the deck section top portion having front and rear laterally-extending slots;

a fabric deck fabric sheet panel; and

a pair of slats attached to the deck fabric sheet panel, the slats being received in the front and rear slots of the deck section top portion;

further comprising an upholstery piece that covers the backrest and deck sections of the frame, and wherein the deck fabric sheet panel is attached to the upholstery piece.

12. (currently amended) The backrest and deck subassembly defined in Claim 11, wherein the slats are separated from each other and the slots are spaced apart from each other such that the deck fabric sheet panel is taut when the slats are inserted into the slots.

13. (currently amended) The backrest and deck subassembly defined in Claim 11, wherein the deck fabric sheet panel includes laterally-extending pockets, and wherein each slat is received in a respective pocket of the deck fabric sheet panel.

14. (original) The backrest and deck subassembly defined in Claim 11, wherein the front and rear slots are formed in the top portion of the deck section such that their upper ends flare away from one another.

15-33. (canceled).

35. (new) A backrest and deck subassembly for a sofa, comprising:
a frame having a generally horizontal deck section, the deck section including a top portion and an underlying bottom portion, the frame also having a generally upright backrest section attached to and extending upwardly from the deck section; and
an integrated upholstery piece that covers the deck and backrest sections of the frame and underlies the bottom portion of the deck section;

wherein the upholstery piece includes a front panel portion and a dust cover portion, and wherein the dust cover portion underlies the deck section and is formed of a different material than the front panel portion; and

wherein the upholstery piece includes lateral panels that overlie lateral surfaces of the frame, and wherein the lateral panels include windows that permit access to recesses in the lateral surfaces.